
'Sycamores', 56 Sycamores Road, CONCONGELLA



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Study, 2004

Location

56 Sycamores Road CONCONGELLA, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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'Sycamores', 56 Sycamores Road, Concongella, has significance as a predominantly intact example of a Victorian style. Possibly built in the second half of the 19th century for W.H. Osmand, M.L.C. or in the early 20th century for Mr. J. Cromie. The house has a substantial landscaped setting with many of the plantings dating from the late 19th century.

'Sycamores', 56 Sycamores Road, Concongella, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates some original design qualities of a Late Victorian style. These qualities include the hipped roof form, together with the gable roof that projects towards the front and the return verandah that projects at the front and side. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, face brick wall construction, light masonry quoinwork and other dressings (window sills), galvanised corrugated iron roof

cladding, brick chimneys, narrow eaves, faceted bay window and the roof ridge decoration. The mature deciduous row of exotic trees, other mature trees nearby the house (including the Bunya Bunya pine), and the timber gate posts and gate also contribute to the significance of the place.

'Sycamores', 56 Sycamores Road, Concongella, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with residential and farming developments in the Concongella area in the second half of the 19th century. In particular, this house and property has associations with W.H. Osmand, M.L.C., the original owner after the Land Act of 1865, who appears to have built this house as his headquarters where he planted an orange grove. Osmand was a mining magnate, engaged in smelting operations, and is reputed to have made £150,000 in the North Cross Company mine. He made a large contribution to the history of the Concongella district.

Overall, 'Sycamores', 56 Sycamores Road, Concongella, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

'Sycamores', 56 Sycamores Road, Concongella, has a rural setting comprising a tree-lined drive of mature deciduous exotic trees, several mature trees surrounding the house, a mature Bunya Bunya pine and more recently planted garden beds. There are recent water tanks nearby, together with other outbuildings. Early timber cast posts and vehicular gate are an important feature at the entrance to the property.

The asymmetrical, single storey, face brick, Late Victorian styled house is characterised by a hipped roof form, together with a gable roof that projects towards the front and a return verandah that projects at the front and side. These roof forms are clad in galvanised corrugated iron. Three early brick chimneys adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves.

Early/appropriate decorative features of the design include the roof ridge decoration and the light masonry quoinwork and window sills.

Another early feature of the design is the projecting faceted bay window under the projecting gable.

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